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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of the State of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Thank you for including the full restoration of the Local Government Fund (also known as State Aid to Subdivisions) as a part of your Executive Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. By including full funding of the Local Government Fund, you are sending a strong message to the S.C. General Assembly on the importance of the essential services that these funds help counties provide to our residents.

Those essential services include public safety through the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, emergency medical care through the Dorchester County EMS Department, and the housing of municipal, county, and state detainees who are awaiting trial or serving a short sentence at the Dorchester County Detention Center.

The importance of the Local Government Fund to Dorchester County should not be under emphasized because State Aid to Subdivisions is the second largest source of funding in the county's General Fund. In the current fiscal year, the Local Government Fund provides \$5,159,218 which equates to 10.5% of the General Fund Budget for Dorchester County for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Dorchester County officials are deeply appreciative of your efforts and your support of local government.

Your commitment to the local governments that provide essential services to our citizens and businesses is encouraging at a time when resources for public service are desperately needed.

Sincerely,

C. David Chinnis, Chairman  
Dorchester County Council

C: The Honorable Members of the Dorchester County Legislative Delegation  
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